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- (1) Japanese Unexamined Published Application No. (A) 11-316845,
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Applicants also wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following documents:

- (2) Kinjo et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,529,630 B1, issued March 4, 2003; and
- (3) Japanese Unexamined Published Application No. (A) 2000-099722,
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